What is claimed is:

1.   A waveform producing method comprising the steps of:

receiving style-of-rendition identification information representing a style of rendition of a performance tone;

generating a packet stream in accordance with the style-of-rendition identification information received by said step of receiving, the packet stream including packets of information for producing and/or controlling a waveform; and

producing a waveform on the basis of the packet stream generated by said step of generating.

2.   A waveform producing method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said packet stream includes a plurality of packets and time information of individual ones of the packets, and said step of producing a waveform includes a step of arranging the individual packets on a time axis on the basis of the time information.

3.   A waveform producing method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said packet stream includes a plurality of packets and time information of individual ones of the packets, and said step of producing a waveform includes a step of adjusting the time information and a step of arranging the packets on a time axis on the basis of the time information adjusted by said step of adjusting.

4.   A waveform producing method as claimed in claim 3 wherein said step of adjusting the time information adjusts the time information forward or backward by a predetermined amount.

5.   A waveform producing method as claimed in claim 3 wherein said step of adjusting the time information adjusts the time information forward or backward by a predetermined amount on the basis of a random number.

6.   A waveform producing method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said packet stream comprises data for controlling a pitch of a waveform to be produced.

7.   A waveform producing method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said packet stream comprises data for controlling an amplitude of a waveform to be produced.

8.   A waveform producing method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said packet stream comprises data for controlling a shape of a waveform to be produced.

9.   A waveform producing apparatus comprising:
    means for receiving style-of-rendition identification information representing a style of rendition of a performance tone;
    means for generating a packet stream in accordance

with the style-of-rendition identification information received by said means for receiving, the packet stream including packets of information for producing and/or controlling a waveform; and

means for producing a waveform on the basis of the packet stream generated by said means for generating.

10.   A waveform producing apparatus comprising:

an input device adapted to input, into said waveform producing apparatus, style-of-rendition identification information representing a style of rendition of a performance tone; and

a processor coupled with said input device and adapted to:

generate a packet stream in accordance with the style-of-rendition identification information inputted via said input device, the packet stream including packets of information for producing and/or controlling a waveform; and

produce a waveform on the basis of the generated packet stream.

11.   A machine-readable storage medium containing a group of instructions to cause said machine to implement a waveform producing method, said waveform producing method comprising the steps of:

receiving style-of-rendition identification information representing a style of rendition of a performance tone;

generating a packet stream in accordance with the style-of-rendition identification information received by said step of receiving, the packet stream including packets of information for producing and/or controlling a waveform; and

producing a waveform on the basis of the packet stream generated by said step of generating.

12.   A waveform producing method comprising the steps of:

receiving a packet stream including a plurality of packets and time information of individual ones of the packets;

arranging, on a time axis, vector data for producing a waveform representing a style of rendition of a performance tone corresponding to the packets, in accordance with the time information; and

producing a waveform on the basis of the vector data arranged on the time axis.

13.   A waveform producing apparatus comprising:

means for supplying a packet stream including a plurality of packets and time information of individual ones of the packets;

means for arranging, on a time axis, vector data for producing a waveform representing a style of rendition of a performance tone corresponding to the packets, in accordance with the time information; and

means for producing a waveform on the basis of the vector data arranged on the time axis.

14. A waveform producing apparatus comprising:

a processor adapted to:

receive a packet stream including a plurality of packets and time information of individual ones of the packets;

arrange, on a time axis, vector data for producing a waveform representing a style of rendition of a performance tone corresponding to the packets, in accordance with the time information; and

produce a waveform on the basis of the vector data arranged on the time axis.

15. A machine-readable storage medium containing a group of instructions to cause said machine to implement a waveform producing method, said waveform producing method comprising the steps of:

receiving a packet stream including a plurality of packets and time information of individual ones of the packets;

arranging, on a time axis, vector data for producing a waveform representing a style of rendition of a performance tone corresponding to the packets, in accordance with the time information; and

producing a waveform on the basis of the vector data arranged on the time axis.